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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hidemitsu TAKEBUCHI et al.
Title: ELECTRODE OF VACUUM CIRCUIT
BREAKER, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
ELECTRODE OF VACUUM CIRCUIT
BREAKER
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003, applicants hereby elect with traverse, Group I, claims 1-5. Furthermore, in response to the Election of Species requirement set forth in the Office Action, applicants elect Embodiment 1 (Figures 1-4). Applicants submit that claims 1-13 correspond to Embodiment 1.

Applicants submit that claims 1-13 are generic to Embodiment 1 (Figures 1-4), Embodiment 2 (Figure 5), and Embodiment 3 (Figure 6). Applicants note that Embodiment 4 (Figure 7) and Embodiment 5 (Figures 8-9) correspond to related art (see present specification, page 6, lines 26-31).

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Applicants further reserve the right to request rejoinder of the claims if appropriate.

Applicant earnestly awaits receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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